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28 NOV 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Proposed Alterations to Room GE-78
Headquarters Building

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum from D/OEL to D/OL,
Proposed Alterations to GE-78
Headquarters Building, 4 August 1972
(OEL 312-72) (Copy Attached)

(b) Memorandum from C/RE&CD, OL to D/OEL,
Proposed Alterations to Room GE-78
Headquarters, 19 October 1972
(Copy Attached)

1. This memorandum contains a request for your approval. The request is stated in paragraph five (5) below.

2. For the past seven years the Office of ELINT's Analysis Division (AND) has occupied a Headquarters Building area of approximately 3,422 square feet entered through GE-78. During this period AND's equipment requirements have increased by approximately fifty percent. This has been due primarily to acquisition of new equipment to meet the demand for advanced ELINT analysis techniques. In other words, during this seven year period there has been a steady pattern of required increases in deployment of analysis equipment in the GE-78 area with no accompanying increases in space available. The net result is a working area which is extremely crowded with consequent reduction of elementary safety precautions, exacerbated by a steady increase in the noise level to the degree that it threatens to exceed acceptable limits in the working area.

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3. During this seven year period, and particularly in the past two years when GE-78 working conditions have worsened excessively, this Office has frequently contacted Agency elements having jurisdictional responsibility for Headquarters space allocations to seek relief from the present space squeeze. This effort culminated in a 4 August 1972 memo to the Director of Logistics (ref. a). This memo covered all aspects of the GE-78 space problem, proposed a "partial solution" by replacing the present GE-78 air conditioning system with a chilled water system, and requested a meeting with Office of Logistics Services Division and Real Estate and Construction Division representatives to discuss the matter. The requested meeting was held and resulted in receipt by D/OEL of a memo from Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division, O/L (ref. b). This correspondence provided this Office with a cost estimate of approximately \$110K to replace the present GE-78 air conditioning system with a chilled water system. In light of the estimated cost of this installation, Chief, Real Estate and Construction, proposed alternative means for improving working conditions in GE-78 by offering to investigate possibilities for alleviating to some extent the noise factor by introducing a noise abatement program. In addition, an offer was included to increase reliability of the present air conditioning system by increasing availability of spare parts and by timely component replacement as necessary.

4. This memo resulted in a meeting attended by [redacted] Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division; [redacted] Chief, Headquarters Engineering Branch/ [redacted] Chief of Analysis Division, OEL; [redacted] Support Division,

OEL. At this meeting both [redacted] readily 25X1 acknowledged the critical nature of the GE-78 space problem but reiterated their position outlined in previous discussions on this matter, i.e., that there was no real promise for relief of the Headquarters space crunch in the foreseeable future, particularly insofar as relief of the GE-78 problem was concerned. They agreed that installation of a chilled water air conditioning system offers this Office the most attractive "partial solution" to the GE-78 problem by both increasing the 25X1 available footage by 300 square feet and reducing the noise problem in the area. Also, in commenting on the noise abatement program proposed in their 19 October 1972 memo, both [redacted]

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25X1 and [] pointed out that implementation would require complete shielding of the present air conditioning system with consequent further reduction of available GE-78 square footage.

5. In light of the information presented above, and because we believe that there is a critical need to effect some solution, though partial, in a work area where signal analysis of overriding importance to the mission of this Agency is produced, it is requested that you approve a supplemental allocation of \$110K to the FY-1973 OEL budget allotment for installation of the proposed chilled water air conditioning system in the GE-78 area.

/s/ John H. McMahon
JOHN N. McMAHON
Director of ELINT
DD/S&T

Attachments:
As Stated

CONCUR:

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7 DEC 1972

Deputy Director for Science & Technology

Date

/s/ John F. Blake

14 DEC 1972

Director of Logistics

Date

APPROVED:

Director, OPPB

Date

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Proposed Alterations to Room GE-78 Headquarters Building

FROM:

Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division,
OL - 906 Ames

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

13 December 1972

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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1. Director of Logistics
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Jack:

Believe attached memo to be self-explanatory. Cost estimate is ours (as spelled out in attachment) and conditions of crowding and noise are as stated. Recommend concurrence subject to availability of OEL funds.

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